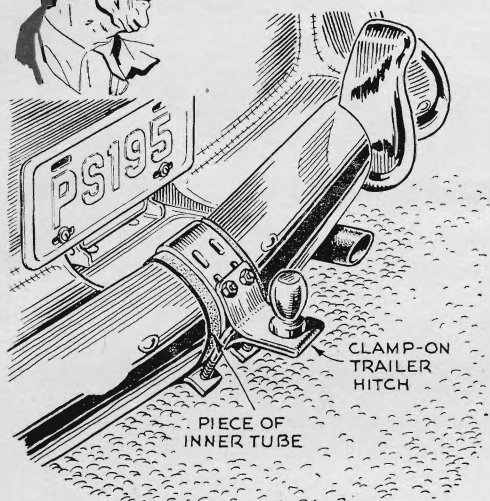
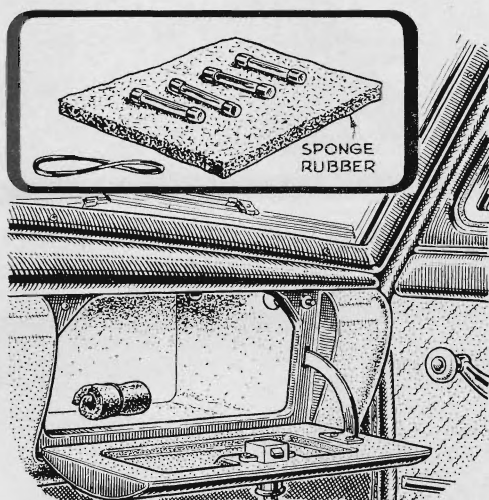




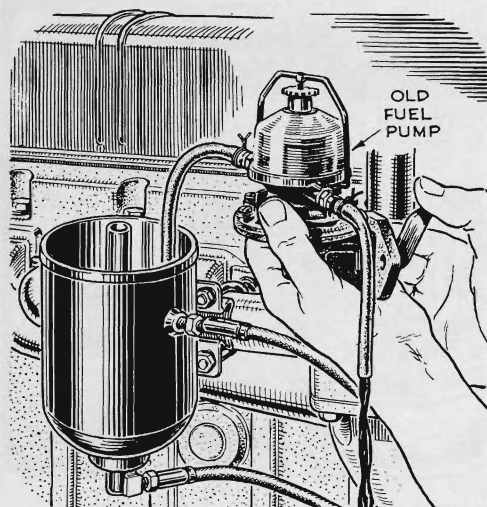
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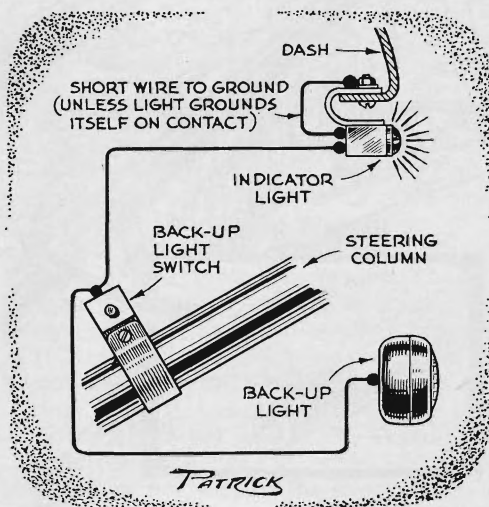
Cushion a trailer hitch with strips of rubber cut from a discarded inner tube. Placed between bumper and hitch, the rubber prevents chrome from being scratched. It also absorbs road vibrations which tend to loosen the hitch bolts.



Spare fuses and bulbs won't get smashed by tools, flashlights and such in your glove compartment if they're protected by foam rubber. Roll them up in a small sheet of the resilient material and wrap this with a heavy rubber band or two.

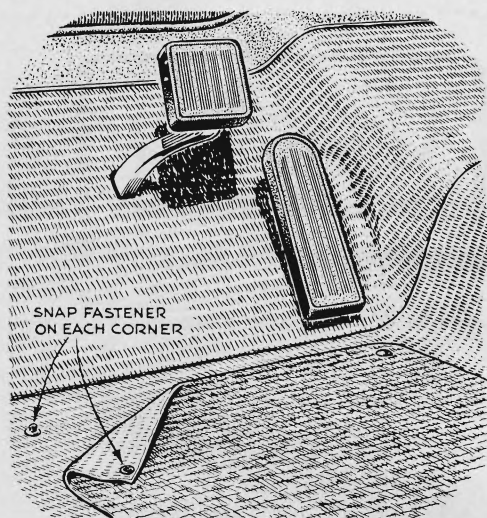


Cleaning out the oil-filter housing during an oil change is messy when the housing has no drain plug. For this difficult job I use an old, but workable, fuel pump. Moving the actuating lever by hand sucks out the sludge in the bottom.

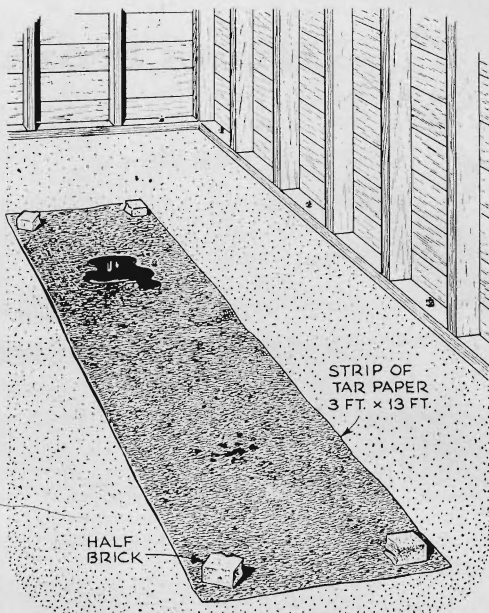


When your car is in reverse, this light blinks on to warn you. It's bracketed to the underside of the dash and wired to the back-up light switch. When the back-up lights go on, so does the dash light as a visual reminder to the driver.

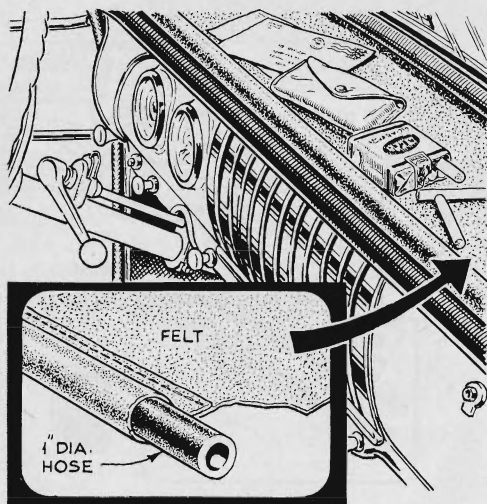
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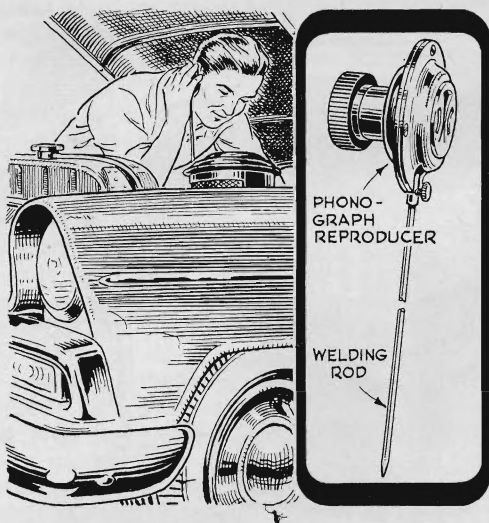
Anchor floor mats that shift around or curl up at the edges with snap fasteners. You can find suitable sew-on or hammer-in fasteners at the sewing counter of any five-and-ten or notions store. Attach one at each corner of the floor mat.



Grease and oil drips won't dirty a garage floor if you put down a strip of asphalt building paper. The oil catcher is held down by half-bricks that can be moved easily when you want to replace the strip or clean the garage.



A felt dash cover prevents sunny reflections on a bright day and creates non-skid storage space for small articles. Sew the cover's rear edge around some hose; this forms a rim to keep the items on top of the dash from falling off.



Faint bearing knocks can be detected by the mechanical reproducer from an old-style or child's phonograph. Fit a length of thin welding rod or coat-hanger wire into the needle holder and slip a make-shift rubber earpiece over the sound tube.